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SUBJ: POSTAL DISPUTE

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ALTHOUGH 75 PERCENT OF LOCAL UNIONS (TORONTO BALLOTS NOT YET COUNTED) HAVE GIVEN CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW) MANDATE TO CALL STRIKE, UNION LEADERSHIP HAS ACCEPTED POST OFFICE OFFER TO RESUME NEGOTIATION. CUPW EXPECTED TO REDUCE ITS ORIGINAL DEMAND FOR 70 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE, IN LIGHT OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM WHICH GENERALLY LIMITS INCREASES TO 10-12 PERCENT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER UNION WILL NOW RESORT TO FACE-SAVING DEVICE BY ACCEPTING CONCILIATION PROPOSAL OF 38 PERCENT OVER 30 MONTHS. EVEN THOUGH SUCH SETTLEMENT WOULD EXCEED WAGE GUIDELINES AND WOULD NEED ANTI-INFLATION REVIEW BOARD APPROVAL, EXEMPTIONS UNDER NEW LEGISLATION WOULD PERMIT SUCH WAGE INCREASE PARALLELING THAT GIVEN TO LETTER CARRIERS LAST SPRING. GIVEN UNPREDICTABILITY OF CUPW LEADERSHIP, RESORT TO STRIKE REMAINS DISTINCT POSSIBILITY IF NEGOTIATIONS COMMENCING THIS MORNING (OCT 17) SHOULD DEADLOCK.

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